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**PROGRAMME &
COMMUNITY BOOKLET**
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Welcome to Croydon's Black History Month 2026 – a time to celebrate our people, histories, cultures and achievements.

This month we come together to recognise the past, celebrate the present and inspire a brighter future. Through a vibrant programme of events, we honour the contributions of Black communities and the rich diversity that makes Croydon stronger.

We invite everyone to take part, learn, connect and be inspired.

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Brighter Futures.
Together in Croydon.*

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PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

1 – 14 OCTOBER 2026

01
OCT

Nigeria Independence Day – Flag Raising

12:45pm | Croydon Town Hall
Katherine Street, Croydon, CR0 1NX

02
OCT

Black History Month Flag Raising Event

1:00pm | Croydon Town Hall

02
OCT

Barbershop UNCUT Stories

6:30pm | The BRIT School, Croydon

02
OCT

Black Classical Composers

6:30pm - 9:00pm | CSEP, 32-34 Sydenham Road, CR0 2EF

03
OCT

Health & Wellbeing Community Event

11:00am - 4:00pm | Whitgift Shopping Centre

09
OCT

‘Ethiopianism’ and Black Liberation Theology

6:30pm - 9:00pm | CSEP, 32-34 Sydenham Road, CR0 2EF

13
OCT

Science and Technology in Ancient Nigeria

6:30pm - 9:00pm | CSEP, 32-34 Sydenham Road, CR0 2EF

14
OCT

Roots of Resilience – Mental Health Conference

12:00pm - 5:00pm | St Marys Church, CR0 2AR

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15 – 31 OCTOBER 2026

16 OCT	Caribbean Migrations Before the Windrush 6:30pm - 9:00pm CSEP, 32-34 Sydenham Road, CR0 2EF
17 OCT	Michael – Film 2:00pm David Lean Cinema, Croydon - Book tickets online
18 OCT	Women's Health and Wellbeing Event 1:00pm Wellness Centre
20 OCT	Cotton Queen (Arabic with subtitles) - Film 2:30pm & 7:30pm David Lean Cinema, Croydon - Book tickets online
21 OCT	Intergenerational Care Event 10:00am - 2:30pm John Ruskin College
22 OCT	Miles Davis and Modern Jazz (lecture with Robin Walker) 6:30pm - 9:00pm CSEP, 32-34 Sydenham Road, CR0 2EF
23 OCT	Croydon Roots – Opening Night 6:00pm - 10:00pm Soul-Full, 62 George Street, Croydon, CR0 1PD
24 OCT	Sickle Cell Event 3:00pm Braithwaite Hall
24 OCT	Croydon Roots – Family Heritage Day 12:00pm - 5:00pm Soul-Full, 62 George Street, Croydon, CR0 1PD
25 OCT	Croydon Roots – Community Screening 12:00pm - 7:00pm Soul-Full, 62 George Street, Croydon, CR0 1PD
31 OCT	Black British History 1948 – 2026 6:30pm - 9:00pm CSEP, 32-34 Sydenham Road, CR0 2EF

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BEATRICE NABULYA

TESTING AND VOLUNTEER LEAD, AHF UK

Beatrice Nabulya is the Testing and Volunteer Lead for AHF UK in Croydon. Born in Masaka, Uganda, she witnessed the early devastation of the HIV epidemic before her own diagnosis. She now breaks stigma, delivers community testing and uses her lived experience to support others.

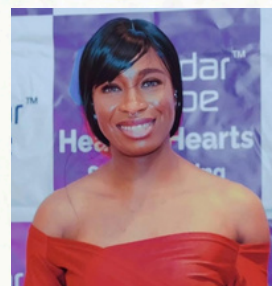


“ *Fighting stigma and bringing testing to Croydon's communities.* ”

CELESTINA ONIYE-THOMAS

PSYCHOTHERAPIST AND FOUNDER, FLOATING COUNSELLING

Celestina Oniye-Thomas is a psychotherapist and founder of Floating Counselling in Croydon. Her work addresses people's basic needs first, including food, housing and stability, before therapy, ensuring individuals and families receive the support needed to begin healing.



“ *Addressing basic needs before healing the mind.* ”

NATHANIEL PAMAH

FOUNDER, HOLISTIC MASTERY CIC

Nathaniel Pamah is a mental health practitioner, mentor and founder of Holistic Mastery CIC. With more than 17 years' experience, he supports underprivileged communities through mentoring, youth work, mental health services and community engagement that build self-determination rather than dependency.



“ *Equipping marginalised people to master mind, body and soul.* ”

PAULETTE TAYLOR

CHAIR, CROYDON INDEPENDENT ADVISORY GROUP (IAG)

Paulette Taylor is Chair of the Croydon Independent Advisory Group and a passionate advocate for race equity, community engagement and improved mental health services. She works with local communities and partners to ensure lived experience informs decisions and drives culturally responsive care.



“ *Ensuring lived experience informs decision-making and drives positive change.* ”

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MRS CYNTHIA GRAHAM

EDUCATOR | COMMUNITY PIONEER |
CHAMPION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

For over four decades, Mrs Cynthia Graham has shaped young lives in Croydon. In 1982, she co-founded the Croydon Supplementary Education Project, helping children build confidence and celebrate cultural heritage, while continuing to support her church and hospital patients.



“ Education, encouragement and compassion in action. ”

THE LIONS SOCIETY

COMMUNITY ORGANISATION | YOUTH & FAMILY SUPPORT

The Lions Society is a Croydon community organisation creating safer, more connected futures for young people and families. Through The Lions Barber Hub, it offers barbering training, mentoring, employment pathways, mental health support, family events and work addressing knife crime.



“ Trusted relationships creating safer futures. ”

ESTHER ONYEANUNA

NURSE | CROYDON HEALTH SERVICES NHS TRUST

Esther Onyeonuna is a respected nurse and ward leader known for kindness, professionalism and integrity. She supports patients and colleagues, champions high standards of care and goes above and beyond to make a positive difference every day.



“ Compassionate leadership and excellence in care. ”

ANDREA STEWART

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & FUNDRAISING |
CROYDON HEALTH SERVICES NHS TRUST

Andrea Stewart is a creative communications leader known for professionalism, insight and quiet determination. She turns ideas into meaningful messages that support staff, enhance patient experience and help important information reach the communities who rely on the Trust.



“ Meaningful communication that informs and inspires. ”

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CHARMAINE GREEN

FOUNDER, CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PYJAMAS

Charmaine Green founded Children's Hospital Pyjamas in 2010 after her daughter Nevaeh's cancer journey. What began as one family's gratitude has grown into a national charity delivering brand new pyjamas to hospitals, hospices and refuges, bringing comfort to children facing illness, trauma and displacement.



“ Providing comfort, dignity and a familiar piece of home to children across the UK. ”

ELSIE SUTHERLAND

COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND FORMER SOCIAL WORKER

Elsie Sutherland is a community activist and former social worker who saw Black people were not being treated as they should. She became their voice in key meetings and has spent decades fighting for health equality, older people's rights and meaningful community representation.

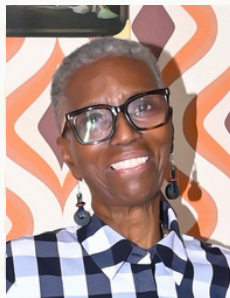


“ A relentless voice for Croydon's Black community and older residents. ”

AJIBOLA LEWIS

CAMPAIGNER FOR MENTAL HEALTH REFORM

After her son Seni died following disproportionate restraint in a mental health unit, Ajibola Lewis turned grief into action. She campaigned alongside her family for the Mental Health Units (Use of Force) Act 2018, known as Seni's Law, and continues to press for its full implementation.



“ Transforming personal tragedy into a landmark law protecting mental health patients. ”

LEROY MCANUFF

SERVICE USER REPRESENTATIVE LEAD, SLAM

Leroy McAnuff is a Service User Representative Lead at South London and Maudsley NHS Trust. He champions empathetic, person-centred care and works to ensure patients are treated equitably, with transparency, dignity and accountability across mental health services.



“ Turning lived experience into a voice for transparency, accountability and equitable care. ”

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DARREN BIGGZ

COMMUNITY ADVOCATE | MENTOR |
FOUNDER OF BIGGZ KITCHEN

Darren Biggz supports Croydon children, young people and families through cooking classes, outings, holidays and activities. He creates safe spaces where children build confidence and belonging, while offering parents encouragement and practical support.



“ *Creating safe spaces where children learn, grow and belong.* ”

FAY RUDDOCK

RETIRED NURSE | MENTOR | COMMUNITY ELDER & ADVOCATE

Retired nurse Fay Ruddock devoted nearly 30 years to Mayday Hospital, mentoring nurses and medical students. Now a Croydon community elder, she supports African and Caribbean charities, visits housebound residents and encourages young people.



“ *Supporting people and strengthening community.* ”

CHRISTOPHER BARRETT

AUTHOR | POET | MENTOR | EDUCATOR | YOUTH PRACTITIONER

Christopher Barrett has spent over a decade helping young people recognise their potential across education, SEND and community youth work. As Director of RAP Academy, he uses creativity and mentoring to inspire the next generation.



“ *Empowering young people through creativity and mentoring.* ”

NORMA LESSY

COMMUNITY ELDER | VOLUNTEER

Proudly Grenadian, Norma Lessy brings people together and keeps Caribbean culture alive. Through the Windrush Generation Legacy Association, she supports coffee mornings, lunch clubs, craft and sewing groups and trips.



“ *Keeping culture alive and neighbours connected.* ”

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DJ MJ AKA LITTLELINKS

YOUNG DJ | ROLE MODEL | BRINGING GENERATIONS TOGETHER THROUGH MUSIC

DJ MJ, aka LittleLinks, is a 12-year-old DJ who brings people together through music. He has performed at Reggae Geel, One Sound Unification, UBS Arena and Notting Hill Carnival. Balancing school with his passion, he inspires other young people.



“Bringing generations together through music.”

ANGELIQUE VASSELL

PARENT SUPPORTER | NVR SPECIALIST | FAMILY ADVOCATE

Angelique Vassell founded Walk With Me CIC, equipping parents, carers and guardians with Non-Violent Resistance strategies to manage aggressive, controlling behaviour in children and rebuild family relationships. Drawing on NVR training and volunteering, she helps families reconnect and create healthier homes.



“Helping families reconnect and build healthier homes.”

SONIA MEIKLE

CHAIR | CROYDON SICKLE CELL & THALASSAEMIA SUPPORT GROUP

Since 2018, Sonia Meikle has chaired Croydon Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia Support Group. Inspired by her nephew's experience of sickle cell disease, she champions awareness, practical support and improved outcomes for people and families affected by sickle cell and thalassaemia.



“Championing awareness, support and better outcomes.”

VALENTINE ATSU

RIBA CHARTERED ARCHITECT | COMMUNITY BUILDER | INNOVATOR

Valentine Atsu is a RIBA Chartered Architect and community builder with over 20 years' experience. He helped found Paxton Academy and Croydon Carnival of Cultures, champions community development through the African Diaspora Development Company, and created BSafe Lights for cyclist safety. As a WGLA Charity Ambassador, he is passionate about education, culture, innovation and creating opportunities for future generations.



“Creating opportunity, culture and innovation for future generations.”

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WINDRUSH GENERATION LEGACY ASSOCIATION (WGLA)

PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE
SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY
INSPIRING FUTURE GENERATIONS

EMPIRE WINDRUSH

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WHO WE ARE

The Windrush Generation Legacy Association (WGLA) is a Croydon-based charity committed to preserving the heritage, contributions and legacy of the Windrush Generation and their descendants. We exist to ensure that their stories are remembered, celebrated and passed on to future generations, while continuing to support and empower our community today.

Rooted in Croydon, a borough with a proud Caribbean heritage, we bring people together through heritage, culture, education, health and wellbeing, intergenerational activities and community support.

WHAT WE DO



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Bringing people together through our regular Coffee Mornings, Lunch Club and social activities.



EDUCATION & HERITAGE

Sharing the stories and contributions of the Windrush Generation and their descendants.



HEALTH & WELLBEING

Working in partnership to raise awareness on health issues such as prostate cancer, women's health and men's health.



SUPPORT & SIGNPOSTING

Helping our community access advice, services and opportunities.



YOUNG PEOPLE

Creating opportunities for younger generations to learn, be inspired and carry the legacy forward.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Hosting cultural and heritage events, exhibitions, family days and community celebrations including Windrush Day and Jamaica Independence.

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THE HANDS THAT BUILT CROYDON

Croydon's Windrush & Black Community Heroes – Young & Old

This year, we are proud to present "The Hands That Built Croydon", a powerful portrait and storytelling exhibition displayed in the Whitgift Centre throughout October as part of Croydon's Black History Month celebrations, with the theme, "Honouring Our Communities."

The exhibition shines a light on the people in our community today – those who, through their time, talent and care, make Croydon stronger, safer and more united. From community leaders and service providers to young achievers, inspirational elders and unsung heroes, we are recognising those who give their time, skills and commitment to uplift our community and keep it protected, connected and cared for.

Delyth Lindo

OUR COMMUNITY HEROES

We are proud to feature some of our members, volunteers and valued community heroes.



DELYTH LINDO

CHARITY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Newly appointed CEO of the Windrush Generation Legacy Association, Delyth Lindo has truly earned her stripes. Joining as a volunteer four years ago, she has never looked back. Alongside a full-time career, Delyth devotes much of her spare time to supporting the charity, its members and wider community. Her commitment is also deeply personal, honouring Her parents, who both came to Britain during the Windrush era, and the generation they represent. Today, Delyth leads WGLA's work alongside its Trustees and dedicated volunteers, bringing the same hands-on commitment, energy and community spirit that began her journey with the charity.

A STRONGER CROYDON TOGETHER

Join us at our upcoming events:



Coffee Mornings (11:30 AM – 1:30 PM)
Friday 25 September 2026
Friday 23 October 2026
Friday 20 November 2026



Christmas Party
Friday 18 December 2026
1:00 PM – 5:30 PM



1036–1037 Whitgift Centre, Croydon
(1st Floor, opposite The Card Factory)



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CROYDON UNITED DOMINO'S CLUB (CIC)

MORE THAN A GAME – A LEGACY OF
FRIENDSHIP, SERVICE AND COMMUNITY

*Community Leaders
Keeping the Legacy Alive*

Founded in 1971, Croydon United Dominoes Club has been part of Croydon's Black and Caribbean community for over five decades. What began as a place to meet, socialise and enjoy the game of dominoes has grown into a much bigger family – a hub for friendship, support and community action.

Gladstone Harris, Kenneth Thomas and Dafton Robinson are long-standing members and key leaders who help run the club. They joined as young men and remain actively involved today, ensuring the club continues to thrive and make a positive difference in our community.

For our community, dominoes is more than a game. It's a tradition that brings people together, builds friendships and connects generations. Croydon United welcomes everyone – whether you are a seasoned player or a beginner.

Beyond the domino table, the club is committed to supporting the local community through a range of initiatives that help improve lives, bring people together and keep our community strong.

“Croydon United has accompanied us through different stages of our lives. We joined as young men and remain part of the club today, ensuring that the table remains open for the next generation.”

**GLADSTONE HARRIS, KENNETH THOMAS
AND DAFTON ROBINSON**
CLUB LEADERS

CONTACT US

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London SE25 4PQ
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 <https://cudc.uk/>

WHAT WE DO



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We organise and take part in community work that brings people together and supports those in need.



CHILDREN'S FUN DAYS

Each year we host a full day of activities for children, from morning to evening. In the evening, parents can join the festivities from 7 PM till 2 AM, creating a day of family fun and community bonding.



HEALTH INITIATIVES

In partnership with the NHS, we provide health checks, including diabetes, heart and blood pressure screenings, to promote health and wellbeing.



FINANCIAL ADVICE

Working with Debt Today Free Tomorrow, we offer free advice to help individuals manage their finances effectively.



SUPPORT FOR THE ELDERLY

We are dedicated to supporting our elderly community members (OAP), ensuring they have access to the resources and assistance they need.



*Family
Friends
Community
Since 1971*

CROYDON UNITED DOMINO'S CLUB (CIC)

*Playing Together, Supporting Our Community,
Building a Stronger Croydon.*

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BARBERSHOP *UNCUT STORIES*

Raising awareness about prostate cancer and breast cancer

A powerful evening of real stories, honest conversations and community support, raising awareness about prostate cancer and breast cancer. Come and be part of the conversation.



FRIDAY,
2ND OCTOBER



7:00PM
(Doors 6:30pm)



The BRIT School
Croydon

Croydon BME Forum &
Croydon Talking Therapy

Sip and Paint

A creative and relaxed session combining art, music and conversations about wellbeing. Explore managing stress, connect with others and express yourself through art.



THURSDAY,
8TH OCTOBER



11:00AM – 1:00PM



The Wellness Centre
(First Floor)
Unit 1040/42
Croydon, CR0 1LP



A CREATIVE
WELLBEING
SESSION



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Sickle Cell Event

Black History Month Community Event

An interactive workshop and supportive educational event for people living with sickle cell, parents, carers and families to build knowledge, share experiences and feel more confident in everyday life and healthcare.



Saturday 24th October 2026
3.30pm



Braithwaite Hall
Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX

TOPICS INCLUDE:



Understanding how sickle cell can affect people differently.



Recognising common triggers and early warning signs.



Knowing when symptoms can be managed at home and when urgent help is needed.



GUEST SPEAKER:

Dr Lewis Thomas

Retired GP | Sickle Cell Educator | Founder of Sickleave

Learn. Connect. Empower.



Exploring everyday self-care and living well with sickle cell.



Building confidence communicating your needs and advocating for yourself or a loved one.

BOOK / RSVP

To confirm your attendance or for further information:



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FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Everyone Welcome!

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Women's Health & Wellbeing

A supportive and informative session focused on the health and wellbeing of Black and Ethnic Minority Women aged 40–55. Learn about heart health, blood pressure, nutrition, sleep, stress and more, with practical advice and local support services.



**SUNDAY,
18TH OCTOBER**



1:00PM – 3:00PM



**Wellness Centre
Whitgift Centre
Croydon**

Whisk and Wellbeing

A hands-on cooking and conversation session exploring Black food traditions, culture and wellbeing. Cook, connect and learn about the links between food, culture and positive mental health.



**MONDAY,
26TH OCTOBER**



4:00PM – 6:30PM



**The Cherry Hub
171 St James Road
Croydon, CR0 2BY**


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Highway To Health



THE ROAD SHOW SERIES

Journey with us for an informative and empowering Health & Wellbeing Day designed to support, educate, empower and inspire our community.

Learn from healthcare professionals, ask questions, gain practical health advice, and discover ways to improve your overall health and wellbeing.

Whether you're looking to better understand your health, support a loved one, or simply connect with local services, this event is for you.

Health Topics Covered by Medical Professionals

- Getting ahead of winter
- Sexual Health and You
- Blood Pressure Awareness
- Take charge of Prostate Health
- Much about Myeloma
- Mental Health Matters



Saturday 3rd October 2026



11:00am – 4:00pm



Whitgift Centre outside of Superdry

Free Entry • Open to All • Refreshments Available

For more information



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EMHIP Mental Health Conference 2026

Roots of Resilience

Celebrating Heritage. Strengthening Mental Health.

An inspiring afternoon exploring mental health, heritage, resilience, lived experience and community support.



Wednesday
14th
October 2026



12pm –
5pm



St Mary's Church,
Croydon,
CR0 2AR

What to expect:



Guest speakers & Q&A



Interactive workshops



Lived experience &
community voices



EMHIP project exhibition



Free hot meal & refreshments



Goodie bags & more!



Everyone is welcome —
community members, organisations,
professionals, partners and anyone
interested in mental health & wellbeing.

Get involved!

- ✓ Book your ticket
- ✓ Share with your network

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**THURSDAY,
8 OCTOBER**



7:30PM – 9:30PM



**Braithwaite Hall,
Croydon Clocktower,
Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX**

This Black History Month, join **Pegasus Opera Company** as they celebrate 30 years of breaking barriers, championing diverse voices and bringing extraordinary music to the stage. Enjoy a **FREE** evening of opera, musical theatre and songs inspired by the Black diaspora, featuring outstanding professional artists alongside the Croydon Harmony Choir.

Legacy & Hope celebrates founder Lloyd Newton's enduring vision: *Harmony in Diversity*.

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Many voices. One Stage. Opera for all.

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FREE – booking required

Book via the Pegasus Opera Company website



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**CELEBRATE THE AUTUMN
IN CROYDON'S FUN, FREE
HARVEST CELEBRATION!**

**WITH FOLK MUSIC, DANCING,
CIRCUS, CRAFTS, MARKET AND
FARMYARD ANTICS.**



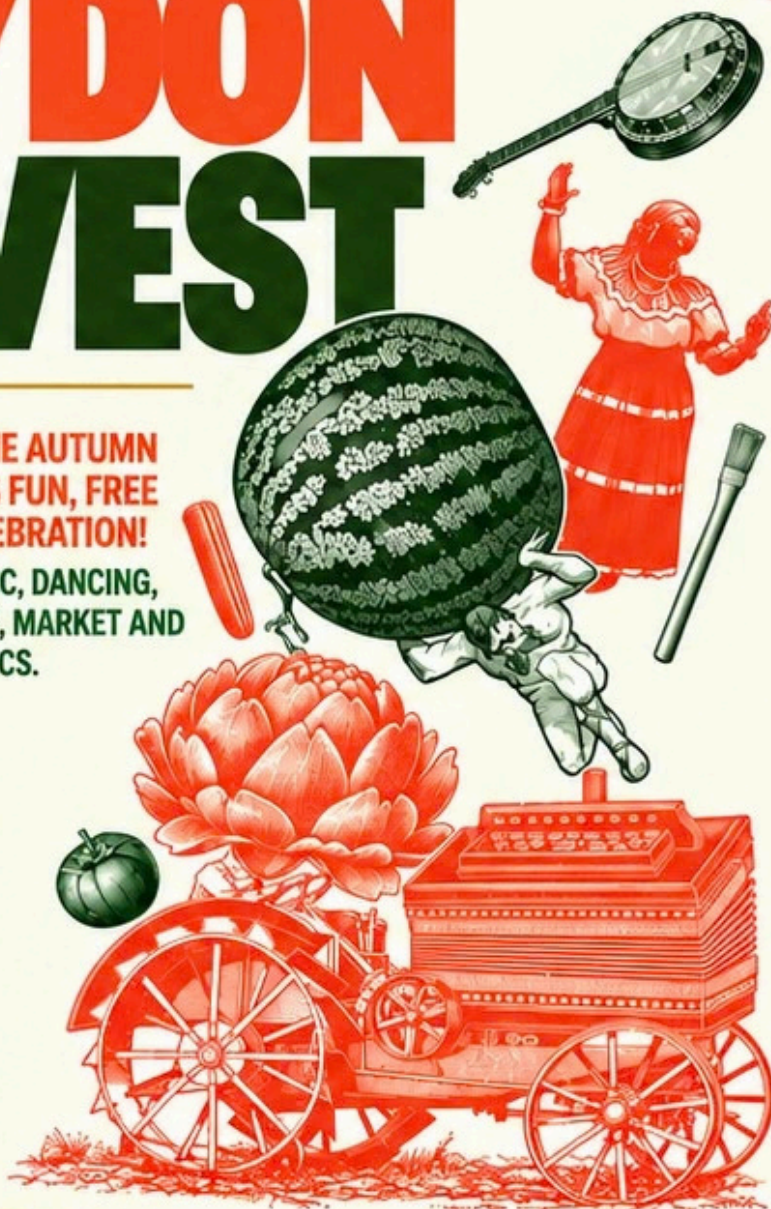
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**MAIN EVENTS
12PM - 5PM**



**CROYDON
TOWN CENTRE**



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BLACK ARTISTS AT CROYDON HARVEST

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Music, performance and cultural heritage

**FEATURED WITHIN
CROYDON HARVEST**



GANDA BOYS

A dynamic group blending African rhythms, drumming and song. Ganda Boys bring energy, heritage and community spirit to the Croydon Harvest celebrations.



RHYTHM GENERATION

A collective of young performers using music, spoken word and creative arts to inspire, unite and amplify Black voices across Croydon.



JANUKA QUADRILLE DANCERS

A vibrant dance group celebrating African and Caribbean heritage through music, movement and storytelling.



ETHNO VOX

Join Ethno Vox for an exciting opportunity to learn Caribbean folk songs. Experience more about cultures across the islands including Barbados, Tobago and Jamaica. History, folklore, fun and games all told through the tried and trusted oral tradition.



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TALAWA **ICONIC**

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF BLACK BRITISH STORYTELLING

A one-night-only Black History Month celebration of Talawa's four decades of cultural impact, with theatre, music, dance and poetry. Honouring founder Yvonne Brewster OBE and Talawa's extraordinary legacy of nurturing Black talent, shaping British theatre and inspiring future generations.

"40 years deep — and just getting started."

Featuring excerpts from landmark productions across four decades.



TUESDAY
13 OCTOBER
2026



DOORS & BLACK CARPET
 6:00PM
 PERFORMANCE 7:00PM
 2 hrs 30 mins incl. interval



HACKNEY EMPIRE
 East London



TICKETS FROM £40
 Book at talawa.com
 and hackneyempire.co.uk

BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT THE DAVID LEAN CINEMA

Two featured screenings



SAT
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MICHAEL (12A)

2:00 PM

Director: Antoine Fuqua

A compelling film that traces the early life and extraordinary rise of Michael Jackson, from a child star to a global icon.

TUE
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COTTON QUEEN (15)

2:30 PM and 7:30 PM

Director: Suzannah Mirghani

Set in Sudan, Cotton Queen follows Nafisa as she navigates family, identity and a changing world within the cotton trade.



SAT 17 OCT 2026
& TUE 20 OCT 2026



2:00 PM (17 OCT)
2:30 PM and 7:30 PM
(20 OCT)



David Lean Cinema
 Croydon



Book via the
 David Lean Cinema
 or Croydon BHM listings.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HONOURING OUR COMMUNITIES

PEOPLE
HISTORY
CULTURE
STRONGER
TOGETHER

Croydon United Domino Club

in collaboration with

The Windrush Generation Legacy Association Charity.

Hosting an afternoon with a film screening of

STOLEN DREAMS

written & directed by Emeka Egbunu

A panel discussion after the film viewing with food, refreshments, music & domino's, to continue into the evening, come and join us and continue to unite our community.



Saturday

24 October 2026



Event Time

16:00 PM - 20:00 PM



Film viewing & panel discussion

16:30 PM - 18:00 PM



Croydon United Domino Club,

Sacco Cheta Community Hub,
44b Portland Road,
South Norwood,
London SE25 4PQ



CROYDON UNITED DOMINO'S CLUB



Walk with Meuk
PARENT AND CARER SUPPORT

Support and Guidance for Families & Professionals
using Non-Violent Resistance (NVR) approach



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CROYDON ROOTS

A SOUL-FULL CELEBRATION OF CROYDON'S BLACK HERITAGE

PAST • PRESENT • FUTURE

THREE DAYS. ONE COMMUNITY. COUNTLESS STORIES.



DAY 1



FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER



6PM – 10PM

OPENING NIGHT

Honouring nominated local changemakers, past and present. Entertainment to include spoken-word and live music showcase. Food by Caribuenas.



LOCAL CHANGEMAKERS



LIVE MUSIC



SPOKEN WORD



FOOD BY CARIBUENA

DAY 2



SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER



12PM – 5PM

FAMILY HERITAGE DAY

Intergenerational storytelling, hands-on heritage craft workshop with 22 House of Books, and oral history recording in the Podcast Studio with Femme Fatale TV.



STORYTELLING ACROSS GENERATIONS



HERITAGE CRAFT WORKSHOP



PODCAST STUDIO



22 HOUSE OF BOOKS

DAY 3



SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER



12PM – 7PM

COMMUNITY SCREENING

Heritage film screening in partnership with and hosted by the Croydon International Film Festival and Closing Forum.



HERITAGE FILM SCREENING



PANEL & CLOSING FORUM



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS



REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE



23 – 25 OCTOBER 2026



Location:
62 GEORGE STREET,
CROYDON TOWN CENTRE, CRO 1PD



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THE FRONT ROOM EXPERIENCE: CHURCH

AN IMMERSIVE THEATRICAL PRODUCTION

This Black History Month, Croydon audiences are invited to step back into 1962 and experience a powerful story of faith, migration, resilience and community. Inspired by the Caribbean generation who created spaces of belonging within their own homes, CHURCH brings audiences into an authentic front room filled with worship, music, fellowship and testimony.



22 – 25 OCTOBER 2026



The Front Room

37–39 St Georges Walk,
 Croydon, CR0 1YL



Tickets: £25

Book now on Eventbrite



Directed by
RAY SHELL



Written & produced by
SAMUEL FACEY & DAVE PRINCE

PERFORMANCES

THU 22
 8PM

FRI 23
 8PM

SAT 24
 8PM

SUN 25
 5PM

DOORS OPEN 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH PERFORMANCE

“

You don't have to go to church to come to church.

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THEATRE

HISTORY

COMMUNITY

MUSIC

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THEATRE • MUSIC • DANCE • POETRY

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SAME STREET; NEW SKWOD

"Bring the movement to the street."



Nadia Rose's iconic track Skwod was filmed on Surrey Street Market, and this event celebrates 10 years since its release with a new generation of Croydon young people bringing the video to life.

Join us for a dance workshop and music video filming, led by and for young people. Bring your energy, creativity and Croydon pride.

Presented by Scanners Inc. Part of Croydon Council's Amplifying Surrey Street project.



SUNDAY
25 OCTOBER
2026



12 – 5PM
12PM: Skwod
Dance Workshop
1:30PM: Music
Video Filming



SURREY STREET
MARKET ARCHWAY,
near the junction
with Scarbrook Road



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@scannersinc or
@croydonurbanroom

SOUND & SOVEREIGNTY

HONOURING THE BLACK WOMEN WHO BUILT
CROYDON'S MUSIC, ON THEIR OWN TERMS.

An evening of conversation and spoken word featuring Croydon rapper and songwriter Nadia Rose alongside other Black women artists and poets. We'll explore first breaks and closed doors, independence and ownership, being a Black woman in rooms not built with you in mind, and what has and has not changed across generations. Expect powerful performances, honest discussion and practical wisdom.

Presented by Scanners Inc. Part of Croydon Council's Amplifying Surrey Street project.

"Voices. Power. On our own terms."



DATE, TIME AND
LOCATION TO BE
CONFIRMED



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MUSIC • CULTURE • COMMUNITY • HERITAGE

WITH LOVE, FROM SOUTH

Honouring Croydon's Black Music Communities
 Presented by Croydon Music City x Soul Culture

A special Black History Month evening celebrating the sounds, spaces and grassroots communities that have shaped Croydon's Black music heritage. Featuring live music, conversation and collective memory, spanning sound system roots, jazz, soul, reggae and the underground basslines of Big Apple Records, bridging generations and honouring the movement of Black British music in Croydon.



"A love letter to Croydon's Black music communities."



THURSDAY
29 OCTOBER
2026



6:00 PM –
11:00 PM



THE VILLAGE TABLE
 40 Park Lane,
 Croydon CR0 1GX



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EVENTBRITE
 Search 'With Love,
 From South'



WHAT TO EXPECT



LIVE MUSIC
 Showcasing
 Croydon's past,
 present and
 emerging talent.



**CONVERSATION
 & COLLECTIVE
 MEMORY**
 Panels, storytellers
 and special guests
 sharing memories
 and insights.



**BLACK MUSIC
 HERITAGE**
 From sound
 system culture,
 jazz, soul and
 reggae to the
 underground
 basslines of
 Big Apple Records.



**GENERATIONS
 TOGETHER**
 Bringing
 generations
 together and
 celebrating
 Croydon's Black
 music communities
 and the creatives
 who continue
 to shape the city.

Join us for an evening celebrating the sounds, spaces and grassroots communities that have shaped Croydon's Black music heritage. Bridging generations, the event honours Black British music in Croydon.

"Honouring the sounds, spaces and stories of Black Croydon."

BOOKING & UPDATES

Before you go...



CHECK EVENT DETAILS

Dates, times and locations may change.
Please check before you travel.



LOOK FOR LATEST UPDATES

Visit the Croydon BHM website for the latest information, additions and any changes.



ACCESS & INCLUSION

Our events are for everyone. If you have specific access requirements, please get in touch so we can support you.



KEEP THIS GUIDE HANDY

Use this booklet throughout October to plan your month and make the most of the events.



**TOGETHER
WE
CELEBRATE
A STRONGER
CROYDON**

*Our People.
Our Culture.
Our Opportunity.*



Visit: <https://cbmeforum.org/bhm2026/>
for updates, event details and more.

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